Attraction of Hindi films under Location-2003'

†1508. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the necessary steps taken by the Tourism Department to attract Hindi films under 'Location-2003';

(b) the reasons for undertaking shootings of films abroad by the producers and the directors of the Hindi films despite having so many beautiful locations in the country itself;

(c)The details of the policy adopted by his Ministry to give opportunity to such films on behalf of Government and to find solution to this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) 'Location-2003' is an individual enterprise organized by Novel Event Works Company Ltd. (NEWCO).

(b) Department of Tourism has no role in the regulation of shooting of films. However, the selection of a particular location is the prerogative of the Producer and Director of a film and are not necessarily guided by the presence of beautiful locations within the country.

(c) and (d) Department of tourism has no role in the production or regulation of films. No policy has therefore been framed on the subject.

New tourist sites in Gujarat

1509. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new tourist sites have been identified in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocations made/proposed to be made for the development of these sites?

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